

**Rural District of St. Faith's
and Aylsham**

THE
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

(ALEX. P. AGNEW, M.B., C.M.)

TOGETHER WITH THE
REPORT of the SANITARY INSPECTOR
(H. S. HAWKINS, A.M.I.S.E.)

1938

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE RURAL
DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ST. FAITH'S AND AYLSHAM.

I HEREWITH submit the Annual Report compiled from the records in the Sanitary Inspector's Office which have been carefully gone into. Owing to the death of your late Medical Officer, Dr. Sydney H. Long, I am unable to make any comments on the figures, but can vouch for their general accuracy.

(Signed) ALEX P. AGNEW, M.B., C.M.,
Medical Officer of Health.

RED HOUSE,
WYMONDHAM.

June, 1939

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1938.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH : Sydney H. Long, M.D. (Cantab).
part time.

DEPUTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH : B. B. Morgan,
M.D., M.R.C.P.

SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR : H. S. Hawkins. Holds the Sanitary Inspector's and Meat Inspector's Certificates of the Royal Sanitary Institute and the Associate Member's Examination Certificate of the Institute of Sanitary Engineers.

ADDITIONAL SANITARY INSPECTOR : H. E. Gilby. Holds the Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspector's Examination Joint Board, the Meat Inspector's Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute, the Final Examination Certificate of the Chartered Surveyors' Institution and the Testamur of the Institution of Municipal and County Engineers.

ASSISTANT SANITARY INSPECTOR : A. H. Eagle. Holds the Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspector's Examination Joint Board.

The Senior Sanitary Inspector is also the Sanitary Surveyor and the Inspector under the Petroleum Acts.

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FOR THE

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NORFOLK

FOR THE YEAR 1938.

I PRESENT herewith the Annual Report on the work of the Public Health Department for the year ending 31st December, 1938. This report has been drawn up in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health as set out in Circular 1728 dated 25th October, 1938.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	93,119
Population—(Census 1931)	25,648
Population—Estimated Resident 1938	30,960
Number of structurally separate Dwellings (1931)	7,660
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1938) according to Rate Books	9,788
Rateable Value, 31st December, 1938	£119,071
Estimated net produce of a Penny Rate	£438

The above statistics show that there is an estimated increase of 600 in the Resident Population in the District during the year.

The ratio of persons per inhabited house throughout the District is 3.16.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Deaths—	Male	Female	Total
Deaths (all ages)	162	149	311
Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population			10.05
Adjusted Death Rate (comparability factor 0.81)			8.14
Deaths from Measles ... ..	...	...	1
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) ... ..	...	...	2
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years) ... ..	...	...	Nil

Births—				Male	Female	Total
Live Births—Legitimate				273	269	542
Illegitimate				12	8	20
Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population						18.15
Stillbirths—Legitimate				13	5	18
Illegitimate				Nil	Nil	Nil
Stillbirths Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births ...						31.03

Infantile Mortality—				Male	Female	Total
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age—						
Legitimate				9	9	18
Illegitimate				1	Nil	1
Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age :						
All Infants per 1,000 live births						33.81
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ...						33.21
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births						50.00

Maternal Mortality—

Deaths from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and childbirth :						
From Sepsis, Nil. From other causes, 1. Total, 1.						
Death Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, ...						1.72

England and Wales—

For the purposes of comparison I here give comparable rates of England and Wales for 1938 :

Death Rate per 1,000 population ... ..	...	...	11.6
Live Birth per 1,000 population ... ..	...	...	15.1
Infantile Mortality per 1,000 live births ... ..	...	...	55.0
Maternal Mortality per 1,000 live and still births ...		...	2.97
(from Sepsis, 0.86 ; other causes, 2.11)			

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.

Hospital accommodation has been provided by the Norfolk County Council for both Smallpox and General Infectious Diseases. With the completion of these hospitals the District Council's Agreements with the Norwich Corporation and Forehoe and Henstead Rural District Council have ceased to operate.

The County Council's Isolation Hospital for Smallpox is situated at Little Snoring, and a new General Infectious Disease Hospital was opened at East Dereham during the year.

Cases of Infectious Diseases are whenever possible treated at home, whilst all other cases are removed to, and treated at the Infectious Disease Hospital.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

Pathological specimens are generally sent for examination to the Laboratory maintained by the Norfolk County Council.

Water analyses are carried out by the Public Analyst.

LEGISLATION :—LOCAL ACTS, ADOPTIVE ACTS AND BYELAWS IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT.

Building Bye-laws are in force throughout the whole District, but these are being revised to conform with the new Model Code which has been issued since the passing of the Public Health Act, 1936

The Council has Bye-laws relating to New Streets in the parishes of Old Catton, Hellesdon and Sprowston, and the Norfolk County Council has similar Bye-laws in respect of the remainder of the District.

Bye-laws in respect of Slaughter-houses are in force throughout the District.

The following is a list of the Acts and Sections in force in the District by Special Orders, together with a list of the parishes in which such Sections of the Public Health and other Acts apply :

<i>Date of Order.</i>	<i>Parish.</i>	<i>Act.</i>	<i>Sections.</i>
28th May, 1897	Whole District	Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847, incorporated with P.H.A., 1875, by Sec. 160 of such Act	Secs. 75 to 78
11th Mar., 1903	Whole District	P.H.A.A. 1890	Part III, Secs. 28 and 48
26th June, 1914	Whole District	P.H.A.A. 1907	Sec. 85 (relating to registries of servants)
11th Dec., 1925	Whole District	P.H.A. 1925	Part II with the exception of Secs. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, and 35
9th May, 1927	Reepham	P.H.A. 1875	Sec. 166 (powers as to markets under P.H.A. 1908)
8th July, 1930	Whole District	Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890	Whole Act
26th Nov., 1934	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;">{</div> <div style="text-align: center;"> Catton Drayton Hellesdon St. Faiths Sprowston Taverham Wroxham </div> <div style="margin-left: 10px;">}</div> </div>	P.H.A. 1875	Sec. 160
		P.H.A. 1925	Secs. 17 to 19
29th April, 1936	Whole District except Aylsham	Towns Police Clauses Act, 1847 incorporated with P.H.A. 1875 by Sec. 171 P.H.A. 1875	Secs. 30, 31 and 33
29th April, 1936	Hellesdon, Reepham	P.H.A. 1875	Sec. 163
30th June, 1937	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;">{</div> <div style="text-align: center;"> Aylsham Reepham Spixworth </div> <div style="margin-left: 10px;">}</div> </div>	P.H.A. 1875	Sec. 160
		P.H.A. 1925	Secs. 17 to 19
20th Oct., 1937	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;">{</div> <div style="text-align: center;"> Hellesdon Sprowston </div> <div style="margin-left: 10px;">}</div> </div>	P.H.A. 1875	Sec. 161 (1) relating to Street Lighting

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES, OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS.

The cases of Infectious Diseases which were notified are as follows :

			Total Notified	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	...	...	61	Nil
Diphtheria	...	...	5	1
Pneumonia	...	...	22	12
Erysipelas	...	...	12	Nil
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	3	1
Dysentery	...	...	4	Nil
Enteric Fever	...	...	1	Nil
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	1	Nil

Of the above notified cases, nine persons suffering from Scarlet Fever and all the cases of Diphtheria were removed to Isolation Hospitals for treatment, the remaining cases of Scarlet Fever were isolated at home. The case of Enteric Fever was removed to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. The source of infection was not discovered. The notified case of Ophthalmia Neonatorum was treated at home, the child responded satisfactorily to treatment and made a good recovery.

The following tables show the distribution of certain notifiable diseases occurring within the District during the year :

DISTRIBUTION OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

PARISH	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Puerperal Pyrexia	Dysentery	Enteric Fever	Ophthalmia Neonatorum
AYLSHAM ...	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
BLICKLING ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BRANDISTON ...	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BRAMPTON ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BUXTON-W.-LAMAS	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
OLD CATTON ...	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—
CAWSTON... ...	15	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
COLTISHALL ...	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—
DRAYTON ...	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
FRETtenham ...	9	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
HAINFORD ...	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
HELLESDON ...	12	1	5	2	1	1	—	—
HEVINGHAM ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
HORSFORD ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
HORSTEAD ...	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
MARSHAM ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MORTON-ON-HILL	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
OULTON	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
RACKHEATH ...	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—
REEPHAM ...	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
ST. FAITH'S ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—
SPIXWORTH ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
SPROWSTON ...	5	—	2	—	1	1	—	1
WESTON	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Gt. WITCHINGHAM	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
WOOD DALLING	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
WROXHAM ...	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—

DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN NOTIFIABLE DISEASES IN AGE PERIODS

AGE PERIODS	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Dysentery	Enteric Fever
UNDER 1 ...	1	1	1	—	—	—
1—5 ...	21	—	—	—	1	—
5—10 ...	26	—	1	—	—	—
10—15 ...	9	—	1	1	—	—
15—20 ...	1	1	4	—	—	—
20—25 ...	1	—	1	—	—	—
25—35 ...	1	3	2	2	3	1
35—45 ...	1	—	2	2	—	—
45—55 ...	—	—	5	2	—	—
55—65 ...	—	—	1	2	—	—
65 and over ...	—	—	4	3	—	—

PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1925.

No necessity for action under these Regulations occurred during the year under review.

TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1938.

AGE PERIODS	New Cases.				Deaths			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1 to 5 years ...	...	...	3	2	...	...	...	...
5 to 10 years ...	1	...	3	3	...	...	1	...
10 to 15 years ...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
15 to 20 years ...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...
20 to 25 years ...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
25 to 35 years ...	2	3	2	...	1	...	...	...
35 to 45 years ...	3	3	...	...	3	1	...	...
45 to 55 years ...	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
55 to 65 years ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
65 and upwards ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTALS ...	12	9	9	6	5	3	1	...

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1938.

CAUSES OF DEATH						Males	Females
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	3	1
Encephalitis Lethargica	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	...	...	...	...	...	5	3
Other Tuberculosis Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Syphilis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
General Paralysis of the Insane, Tabes Dorsalis	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Cancer, Malignant Disease	...	...	...	...	...	29	19
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	3	4
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	7	9
Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	47	37
Aneurysm	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Other Circulatory Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	8	16
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	4	3
Pneumonia (all forms)	...	...	...	...	...	5	7
Other Respiratory Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	—	4
Peptic Ulcer	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Diarrhoea, etc. (under 2 years)	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Appendicitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Other Diseases of Liver, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Other Digestive Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	5	6
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	...	...	...	...	...	3	12
Puerperal Sepsis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
Other Puerperal Causes	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Congenital Debility, Premature Birth, Malformations, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	8	8
Senility	...	...	...	...	...	4	7
Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	5	1
Other Violence	...	...	...	...	...	6	2
Other Defined Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	15	14
Causes Ill-defined or Unknown	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
TOTAL ALL CAUSES ...						162	149

MILK SUPPLY.

Structural alterations and improvements in Cowsheds and Dairies during the year have again received attention, and continued progress has been made.

There are at present 228 cowkeepers on the register, thus representing a decrease of 12, as compared with the previous year. Eight new "Accredited" Licences were issued during the year. There are now 48 persons in the district holding these licences compared with 41 persons during the previous twelve months. Records relating to 206 samples taken during the year will be found in the Senior Sanitary Inspector's Report. As observed during the previous year little difficulty is experienced by producers in complying with the Methylene Blue Test during the winter months and the majority of failures occurred during the warm part of the year.

There has, however, been considerable improvement in the methods of production which has resulted in fewer failing samples.

In addition to the above persons there are three producers who hold licences to produce "Tuberculin Tested" Milk.

Under the Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936, the District Council act as agents to the County Council, making recommendations as to the granting of licences for "Accredited" Milk, and sampling is carried out by the officers of the District Council.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF PREMISES WHERE FOOD IS PREPARED.

A considerable amount of work has been carried out in connection with the supervision of these premises and details of this work will be found in the Senior Sanitary Inspector's Report.

SCHOOLS.

Schools in the parishes of Cawston, Drayton, Haveringland, Salhouse, St. Faith's, Taverham and Weston were closed for short periods during the year. These closures were made on account of the prevalence of Measles, Mumps, and or coughs and colds.

In each case the closure resulted in a reduction in the incidence of these ailments.

It was not found necessary for any other action to be taken during the year.

SCAVENGING.

The following are the schemes in operation :

By Direct Labour—

CATTON, HELLESDON AND SPROWSTON.—Removal of night soil from 479 closets ; removal of house refuse from 3,191 ashbins.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH WITH NEWTON ST. FAITH.—Removal of night soil in the village from 245 closets and house refuse from 71 recently erected houses near the Helleston boundary.

HACKFORD AND REEPHAM WARDS OF REEPHAM.—Removal of night soil from 294 closets ; removal of house refuse from 303 ashbins.

By Contract—

AYLSHAM.—Removal of night soil from 670 closets ; removal of house refuse from 697 ashbins.

COLTISHALL.—Removal of night soil from 270 closets ; removal of house refuse from 286 ashbins.

FOULSHAM.—Removal of night soil from 244 closets ; removal of house refuse from 219 ashbins.

LENWADE.—(A hamlet of Gt. Witchingham).—Removal of night soil from 108 closets.

At Wroxham there is a voluntary scheme in operation, which is working satisfactorily.

During the year the Council decided to carry out a further scheme by direct labour. This scheme which serves the Hackford and Reepham Wards of Reepham, now comes under direct supervision of the Council's Senior Sanitary Inspector, and a considerable improvement in the service given has resulted.

The disposal of house refuse collected in Old Catton, Hellesdon, Sprowston, and part of St. Faith's is by controlled tipping under direct supervision of the Council's Senior Sanitary Inspector with very satisfactory results. In the remaining parishes refuse is disposed of on sites, and by methods approved by the Council. This arrangement produces fairly satisfactory results, although naturally not of the same standard as the schemes where controlled tipping is used. It is hoped, however, to extend the areas scavenged from time to time, as may be possible in order that a number of parishes may be amalgamated for the purpose of a cheap and efficient scheme in which the most satisfactory forms of collection and disposal of the refuse are incorporated.

The disposal of night soil is by deposit upon agricultural land in situations approved by the Council.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Unfortunately it was not found possible to make any progress in the matter of provided new sewers and disposal works for the town of Aylsham owing to the increased costs of labour and materials.

The provision of a system of sewerage in the Parishes of Catton, Hellesdon, Sprowston, and part of Horsham St. Faith's is still under consideration in conjunction with the Parish of Thorpe in the adjoining Rural District of Blofield and Flegg, and it is understood that a Joint Committee is being set up to deal with this matter.

The outfall sewer ditches in the Parishes of Aylsham, Cawston, and Reepham were cleaned out during the year.

WATER SUPPLY.

For a number of years the Norwich Corporation have been the Water Undertakers for an area adjacent to the boundary of the City of Norwich, and comprising the parishes of Drayton, Catton, Hellesdon and Sprowston, together with part of the parish of Horsham St. Faith with Newton St. Faith near the Hellesdon boundary.

The year 1938 has seen a considerable extension in the area supplied by Public Water Mains. The scheme to supply the parishes of Aylsham, Marsham, Hevingham, Stratton Strawless, and Horsham St. Faith with Newton St. Faith was completed during the year.

This scheme which provides a supply of water which has been urgently needed in the parishes supplied was inaugurated by Russell J. Colman, Esq., the Chairman to the Norfolk County Council, at Aylsham, on Tuesday, November 15, 1938. The entire scheme which was carried out at a cost of £20,127 was in operation at the end of the year and at that time 155 premises had been connected to the mains.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1901, AND THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

1.—INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health :

PREMISES	INSPECTIONS	NUMBER OF WRITTEN NOTICES	OCCUPIERS PROSECUTED
Factories with mechanical power	3	1	—
Factories without mechanical power	62	24	—
Other premises under the Act (including works of building and engineering construction, but not including outworkers premises)	—	—	—
TOTAL	65	25	—

2.—DEFECTS FOUND :

PARTICULARS	NUMBER OF DEFECTS			
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Number of defects in respect of which pros- ecutions were instituted.
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	21	21	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation ...	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)				
Insufficient	—	—	—	—
Unsuitable or defective	2	2	—	—
Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—
Other offences	5	5	—	—
TOTAL	28	28	—	—

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

No case of bed bug infestation was met with during the year.

HOUSING.

During the year a further large number of houses was erected within the district, and the Council's scheme for the erection of 88 dwellings was practically completed, 82 of the 88 dwellings were complete, whilst the remaining 6 houses were well in hand. The completion of this scheme represents another step forward in the Council's scheme for the re-housing of persons living in overcrowded conditions, in Clearance Areas, and where Demolition Orders have been made.

Six applications for grants under the Housing (Rural Workers) Act were approved in respect of 15 houses, and grants of assistance totalling £1,156 were promised to the owners concerned. Two of the schemes were complete at the end of the year, these concerned four houses upon each of which the maximum grant of £100 had been made.

At the end of the year the remaining schemes were all in progress and some have since been completed.

One application has been made for a subsidy for the erection of houses for Agricultural Workers under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1938, and the Council has promised assistance in this case. The scheme which provides for the erection of two dwelling-houses was incomplete at the end of the year.

NUMBER OF HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR :

Total

(1) By the Local Authority	...	...	...	82
(2) By other Local Authorities	...	...	...	Nil
(3) By other Bodies or Persons	...	...	...	285

THE DISTRIBUTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES ERECTED THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT IN PARISHES DURING THE YEAR IS AS FOLLOWS :

HOUSES ERECTED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY :

Aylsham	...	...	16	Hevingham	...	4
Belaugh	...	...	2	Horstead	...	2
Cawston	...	...	2	Marsham	...	3
Coltishall	...	...	16	Reepham	...	4
Drayton	...	...	3	Salhouse	...	6
Foulsham	...	...	2	St. Faith's	...	2
Hainford	...	...	6	Stratton Strawless	...	4
				Spixworth	...	10

Total houses owned by Local Authority and erected under various schemes 558

HOUSES ERECTED BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISE :

Aylsham	...	...	2	Hevingham	...	...	1
Attlebridge	...	...	2	Horsford	...	...	4
Brampton	...	...	4	Horstead	...	...	2
Buxton	...	...	3	Heydon	...	...	1
Catton	...	...	15	Marsham	...	...	1
Cawston	...	...	1	Reepham	...	...	5
Drayton	...	...	6	Salhouse	...	...	2
St. Faith's	...	...	12	Spixworth	...	...	5
Foulsham	...	...	4	Sprowston	...	...	70
Frettenham	...	...	1	Stratton Strawless	...	...	1
Hellesdon	...	...	132	Taverham	...	...	9
				Wroxham	...	...	2

(1) INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR :

1	(a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	...	...	...	...	810
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	...	...	873
2	(a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	...	...	...	...	...	174
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	...	...	201
3		Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	34
4		Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	167

NOTE.—In connection with the heading 1 (a) above, a large number of the 810 dwelling-houses included were those inspected in connection with the provision of main water supplies, and this accounted for some 512 visits.

(2) REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES :

1		Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	70
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(3) ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR :
A.—Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

1		Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs...	...	...	...	...	5
2		Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :					
	(a)	By Owners	...	...	...	...	4
	(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners	...	...	...	...	1

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

1	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	Nil
2	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :	
	(a) By Owners	Nil
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ...	Nil

C.—Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

1	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	14
2	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	8

NOTE.—In addition to the above action, 32 dwellings were included in clearance areas under Sections 25 and 26 of the Housing Act, 1936.

D.—Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

1	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil
2	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	Nil

(4) HOUSING ACT, 1936—OVERCROWDING :

A.—1	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	6
2	Number of families dwelling therein ...	6
3	Number of persons dwelling therein ...	48
B.—	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	6
C.—	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	34
	Number of persons concerned in such cases ...	243
D.—	Number of cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	Nil

(Signed) A. P. AGNEW, M.B., C.M.,

Medical Officer of Health.

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June, 1939

Sanitary Inspector's Report for the Year 1938

NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS MADE DURING THE YEAR IN CONNECTION WITH SANITARY AND OTHER WORK.

Inspections under Public Health and Housing Acts	...	1660
Re-visits to ascertain progress of work	... ..	1123
Visits to Infectious Disease Cases	... ..	63
Rooms disinfected	... ..	94
Inspections of Cowsheds and Dairies	... ..	609
Inspections of Slaughter-houses and Food Premises	...	1089
Inspections of Bakehouses	... ..	54
Inspections of Workshops	... ..	11
Inspections in connection with Scavenging Schemes	...	1093
Samples of Water taken for Analysis	... ..	32
Inspections under the Petroleum Acts	... ..	29
Inspections under the Shops Acts	... ..	37
Other visits, interviewing owners, etc.	... ..	287
TOTAL		6181

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION.

There are 26 Registered and 13 Licensed Slaughter-houses in the District, and 1089 inspections of these and food premises have been made during the year. In no case was it necessary to institute proceeding under the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924, or any other relative legislation.

There is not a system of meat marking in operation in the District.

The following are the numbers of carcasses examined during the year :

Beef	...	937
Pork	...	1913
Mutton	...	869
Veal	...	23
Goats	...	0
Kids	...	2
TOTAL		3744

The following are the numbers of carcasses found to be affected with Tuberculosis, and include those from which only affected parts were condemned :

Beef	...	77, being 8.21% of total inspected
Pork	...	91, „ 4.75% „ „ „
Veal	...	1, „ 4.34% „ „ „
TOTAL		169

The following is a summary of the meat condemned as being unfit for human consumption together with reasons for condemnation :

BEEF—

6 Carcases and all Offal	Generalized Tuberculosis
2 Carcases and all Offal	Uraemia
2 Forequarters	Tuberculosis
3 Hindquarters	Tuberculosis
10 lbs. Beef	Tuberculosis
23 lbs. Beef	Inflammation
74 lbs. Beef	Extensive bruising and injuries
25 Heads and Tongues	Tuberculosis
14 Heads and Tongues	Actinomycosis
16 Livers	Tuberculosis
24 Livers	Cirrhosis, Cysts and Abscesses
45 Livers	Distomatosis
7 Livers	Tumours
45 sets Lungs	Tuberculosis
9 sets Lungs	Abscesses, etc.
35 Mesenteries	Tuberculosis
10 Mesenteries	Pentastomum Denticulatum
5 Spleens	Tuberculosis
2 Kidneys	Tuberculosis
4 Kidneys	Cysts and Nephritis

PORK—

3 Carcases and all Offal	Generalized Tuberculosis
1 Carcase and all Offal	Swine Erysipelas
2 Carcases and all Offal	Fevered
3 Carcases and all Offal	Jaundice
1 Carcase and all Offal	Pyæmia
1 Carcase and all Offal	Peritonitis and Pleurisy
3 Forequarters	Tuberculosis
1 Leg	Injuries
87 lbs. Pork	Abscesses
25 lbs. Pork	Injuries
23 lbs. Pork	Tuberculosis
55 Heads	Tuberculosis
3 Heads and Collars	Tuberculosis
5 Livers	Tuberculosis
10 Livers	Abscesses, Cirrhosis, etc.
9 sets Lungs	Tuberculosis
27 sets Lungs	Pneumonia, Congestion, etc.
1 Heart	Pericarditis
1 Heart	Swine Erysipelas
42 Mesenteries	Tuberculosis
4 Kidneys	Cysts and Nephritis
1 Spleen	Tuberculosis

MUTTON—

12 Carcases and all Offal	Fevered and Dropsical
1 Carcase and all Offal	Hydraemia
1 Carcase and all Offal	Septic Pneumonia
11 lbs. Mutton	Fevered
4 lbs. Mutton	Injuries
3 Livers	Parasites
8 sets Lungs	Parasites, Pneumonia, etc.
1 pair Kidneys	Nephritis

VEAL—

1 Carcase and all Offal	Septicaemia
1 Carcase and all Offal	Jaundice
1 Head	Tuberculosis

MISCELLANEOUS—

1 Rabbit	Cysticercus Serialis
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COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

Number of cowkeepers on register—228.

The following is a summary of the work carried out during the year in connection with these premises :

CLEANLINESS OF PREMISES.—176 letters or notices were sent drawing the attention of producers to uncleanly methods of production, and as a result the following works were carried out :

Cowsheds limewashed	...	...	...	...	117
Dairies limewashed	...	...	...	...	95
Premises where dirty milking stools were cleansed	...				60
Dirty cowshed floors cleansed	...	...	...		51
Accumulations of manure removed	...	...	...		38
Other contraventions of the Milk and Dairies Order remedied	...	...	...	...	15

STRUCTURAL DEFECTS IN PREMISES.—27 letters or notices were sent in respect of structural repairs and amendments, and the following works were carried out during the year :

New cowsheds erected	...	...	...	...	1
Cowshed floors repairs or amended	...	...	...		26
Drainage of Dairies or Cowsheds provided or amended					19
Wash or storage Dairies provided	...	...	...		23
Dairy floors repaired	...	...	...	...	14
Additional lighting provided to cowsheds	...	...			14
Entrance yards to cowsheds made up	...	...			9
Sterilizers provided	...	...	...	...	6
Other structural repairs carried out	...	...	...	...	11

DESIGNATED MILKS.—In additions to these the following matters were dealt with :

Eleven letters were sent informing producers of the work required to bring their premises to the standard required for the production of "Accredited" Milk.

MILK SAMPLING.

		<i>Samples taken</i>	<i>Passed</i>	<i>Failed</i>
"Accredited" Producers	...	188	173	15
"Accredited" Applicants	...	18	18	—
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TOTALS	...	206	191	15
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Ninety-seven "bulk" samples of milk were taken for biological examination for T.B. bacillus ; of these four proved positive and were referred to the Veterinary Inspectors of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries for investigation.

METHYLENE BLUE TEST.

Table showing results of samples from "Accredited" producers and applicants.

	WINTER MONTHS		SUMMER MONTHS	
	Producers	Applicants	Producers	Applicants
Samples not decolourised	86	9	87	9
•-----•				
Ditto, but containing B.Coli	—	—	—	—
Decolourised in				
5½ hours ...	1	—	not applicable	not applicable
" 5 hours ...	1	—	not applicable	not applicable
" 4½ hours ...	1	—	3	—
" 4 hours ...	—	—	1	—
" 3½ hours ...	—	—	2	—
" 3 hours ...	—	—	3	—
" 2½ hours ...	—	—	—	—
" 2 hours ...	—	—	—	—
" 1½ hours ...	—	—	1	—
" 1 hour ...	—	—	1	—
" ½ hour ...	—	—	1	—
TOTALS ...	89	9	99	9

*Samples beneath this line were unsatisfactory.

SHOPS ACT, 1934.

By agreement with the Norfolk County Council the duties of that authority under Sections 10 (3), (4) and (5) of the 1934 Act are carried out by this Council.

The following work has been carried out during the year :

Main water supplies made available to shops...	...	25
Washing facilities provided	... ..	2
Closet accommodation provided	... ..	1

BAKEHOUSES.

There are 25 Bakehouses in the District and 54 visits of inspection have been made.

Twenty-one notices were served, and the following works carried out :

Bakehouses limewashed	... ..	18
Floors cleansed or repaired	... ..	1
Other items	... ..	5

SUMMARY OF NUISANCES ABATED AND OTHER WORK CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR.

During the year 191 notices have been served in connections with Public Health and Housing defects, and as a result the following works have been carried out :

HOUSING :

Pumps to wells repaired	... ..	2
Well covers repaired	... ..	3
Wells repaired	... ..	3
Privies converted to pail closets	... ..	2
Additional pail closets provided	... ..	6
Closet buildings repaired	... ..	17
New pails provided to pail closets	... ..	11
Rainwater guttering provided	... ..	5
Rainwater guttering repaired	... ..	23
Ashbins provided	... ..	12
Roofs repaired	... ..	21
Window frames repaired	... ..	27
New windows provided	... ..	39
Window frames made to open	... ..	51
Floors repaired	... ..	45
Doors and door frames repaired	... ..	12
Ceilings repaired	... ..	18
Walls repaired	... ..	12
Wall plaster repaired	... ..	11

Staircases repaired ...	...	...	...	...	11
Chimney stacks repaired	...	...	...	...	18
Stoves repaired ...	...	...	...	...	4
Coppers and ovens repaired or replaced	...	...	...	...	5
Ventilated foodstores provided	...	...	...	...	13
Dampness remedied	...	...	...	...	26
Outbuildings repaired	...	...	...	...	5
Smoke nuisance abated	...	...	...	...	1
Rooms cleansed and redecorated	...	...	...	...	9
Handrails provided	...	...	...	...	11
Yard paving provided	...	...	...	...	7

DRAINAGE :

Ditches and watercourses cleared	...	...	...	...	3
Drains cleared ...	...	...	...	...	6
Drains repaired ...	...	...	...	...	8
Drains relaid ...	...	...	...	...	3
Cesspools emptied	...	...	...	...	2
New urinals constructed	...	...	...	...	2

MISCELLANEOUS :

Nuisances from animals and fowls abated	...	...	...	...	2
Accumulations of manure and refuse removed	...	...	...	...	10
Bakehouses limewashed	18
Slaughter-houses limewashed	3
New Food premises provided	1

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